

## Bering Land Bridge National Preserve

About 13,000 years ago, the land which now lies under the Bering and Chukchi Seas provided an overland route, which is known today as the Bering Land Bridge. It was a route of migration for animals, plants, and the people who would first call the Americas “home”.

Known today as America’s first immigrants, these people traveled east from Asia in a quest for food and shelter. The distance from Russian Siberia to Alaska’s Seward Peninsula averages around 55 miles. This distance was traveled, by foot, usually in severe climate conditions.

Native villagers still reside in the surrounding areas of the preserve, giving observers a first-hand look at how their ancestors once lived in this cold and dangerous environment. The Bering Land Bridge is a site which provides important clues about the earliest human presences in the Americas.



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